

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (312) of these admissions reside in the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District. 8% (24) of admissions from the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 71% were male and 29% were female.
- 57% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 88% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 65% were never married, 15% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 17% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 38% had more than high school education.
- 44% were employed.
- 8% were homeless.
- 44% prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	62%	20%	11%	3%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	264	237	62	54	29	40	27
<b>FY '96</b>	226	204	66	41	22	31	25
<b>FY '97</b>	289	255	88	56	26	36	28
<b>FY '98</b>	327	286	100	65	36	46	24
<b>FY '99</b>	328	277	110	56	31	56	41
<b>FY '00</b>	350	272	122	74	37	59	40
<b>FY '01</b>	311	259	101	80	38	49	25
<b>FY '02</b>	347	267	107	63	27	62	40
<b>FY '03</b>	312	250	90	57	32	72	53